1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Assam										
Nowgong	(TD-5)	1992-93	400.00	370	340	270	270	270	410	312.92
		1993-94	450.00	510	600	700	720	750	750	658.75
		1994-95	470.00	550	600	630	680	—	—	623.33
		1995-96	490.00	—	—	1225	1450	1500	1650	1459.29
		1996-97	510.00	750	830	750	—	—	—	—
Bihar										
Purnea	(WD-5)	1992-93	403.50	390	340	335	390	480	530	410.83
		1993-94	476.00	490	700	760	770	820	760	693.33
		1994-95	498.50	550	630	675	750	825	1050	723.33
		1995-96	519.00	810	1100	1300	1400	1400	1450	1238.33
		1996-97	541.00	750	825	775	850	—	—	—

—Not Reported.

Sealing of Border of Gujarat

*335. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of Gujarat has proposed to the Centre to seal the border of the State across Pakistan so as to stop infiltration and smuggling of arms, ammunition and drugs;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken for sealing the border across Pakistan; and

(d) the expenditure likely to be incurred on this programme ?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA) : (a) to (d) Government is aware that with the sealing of Punjab and Rajasthan borders, terrorists/ smugglers have been trying to use the Gujarat border as one of the alternative routes for infiltration, smuggling of arms and ammunition and other contraband. To control the situation, BSF has been deployed on the land border along the Rann of Kutch including the Creeks in sufficient strength. Following steps have been taken to ensure proper surveillance of the border including the creek and coastal areas.

(i) Mounted patrolling on camels and tractors is being done.

(ii) OP Towers have been erected.

(iii) Patrolling/Nakas have been increased/ intensified. State Police has also deployed Border Home Guards in the bordering areas under the command of a DIG (Border) at Bhuj to supplement BSF's efforts.

(iv) Binoculars, Goggles, Twin telescopes, PNV binoculars and hand held search lights have been provided for enhanced vigilance on the border.

(v) Helicopters are being provided for air surveillance of the international border and creek area.

(vi) Boats/motor boats have been provided for patrolling in creek area.

(vii) Coast Guard/Indian Navy is patrolling the Coastal area. State Police and Customs are also jointly patrolling shallow waters close to the coast by hired trawlers.

2. Due to seasonal inundation, no fencing in Rann area is possible, however, feasibility studies for ditch-cum-bund and erecting modified type of border fencing suitable for such terrain are being carried out by CPWD and BSF. The likely expenditure on fencing will be known only after the fencing programme is finalised.

Recognition of Peasants Struggle

*336. SHRI T. GOVINDAN : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether expeditious action has been taken by the Central Government with regard to recognition of Kayyur-Morazha-Punnapra-Vayalar peasants struggle after consulting the matter with the Government of Kerala;

(b) the progress made after taking up the matter with the State Government;

(c) the details thereof; and

(d) the time by which the decision to accord recognition to the struggle would be taken ?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA) : (a) to (d) The matter is under active consideration in consultation with the Government of Kerala.

Eco-Clearance to Industrial Units

*337. SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have reviewed and revised the norms and procedure for grant of mandatory eco-clearance to the industrial units; and

(b) if so, the details of the new schemes and the main innovations introduced in the system thereby ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (PROF. SAIFUDDIN SOZ): (a) and (b) The norms and procedure for grant of environmental clearance to industrial projects are governed by the regulations under Environmental Impact Assessment Notification, 1994 which *inter-alia* provide for preparation of Environmental Management Plan, consultation with Expert Committees and interaction with project affected populations.

The Government has recently decided to make public hearings mandatory for Developmental Projects. A National Environment Appellate Authority is being established for hearing of appeals against the decisions of competent authorities under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.

Atrocities on SCs/STs

*338. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI :
DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEY :

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of cases of crimes against SC/ST registered in 1995 and 1996 and the percentage of such cases sent to courts, state-wise;

(b) the names of the States which have set up special courts for SC/ST; and

(c) the number of cases disposed of by these courts in the said period ?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA) : (a) State-wise incidence of atrocities and other crimes committed against Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes during 1995 and 1996 is given as statement. The details about percentage of the cases sent to courts during 1995 and 1996 are under collection and would be laid on the Table of the House.

(b) In accordance with the provisions contained in the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989, all States and UTs (except Arunachal Pradesh and Nagaland) have specified for each District, a Court of Sessions to be a Special Court to try offences under the Act. Besides, State Governments of Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan have aiso set up 3, 3, 4, 10 and 18 exclusive Special Courts, respectively for this purpose.

(c) Information for 1995 and 1996 is under collection from the State Governments and U.T. Administrations and would be laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

State/UT-wise incidence of atrocities and other crimes committed against Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes during 1995 and 1996

S.No.	State/UT	Crime				Data for
		1995		1996		
		SC	ST	SC	ST	1996 upto
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1.	Andhra Pradesh	1764	165	1339	196	November*
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	0	0	0	5	September
3.	Assam	0	0	0	0	September
4.	Bihar	747	232	NA	NA	